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NOMINATIONS FOR S.C. ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AWARD

The state of South Carolina is seeking nominations for an award to recognize individuals who are doing extraordinary work for the natural environment.

The S.C. General Assembly established the S.C. Environmental Awareness Award, now in its 15th year, during the 1992 legislative session to recognize outstanding contributions made toward the protection, conservation and improvement of South Carolina's natural resources.

Nominations will be accepted through December 15, 2006. Nomination guidelines and forms are available on the SCDNR Web site at http://www.dnr.sc.gov/, or contact Judy Barnes at (803) 734-4306, e-mail: mailto:abarnesj@dnr.sc.gov

Each year the public is invited to submit nominations that are then reviewed by an awards committee, which includes representatives from the state's environmental and natural resource agencies. In judging nominees, the committee considers excellence in innovation, leadership and accomplishments that influence positive changes affecting the natural environment. The governor traditionally presents this award.

Members of the awards committee represent the S.C. Department of Natural Resources, S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, S.C. Forestry Commission and S.C. Sea Grant Consortium.

Previous award winners include:

2004 – John L. Knott, Jr., owner of the Noisette Company in North Charleston

2001 – James D. Elliott, Jr., founder, South Carolina Center for Birds of Prey

1998 – Yancey A. McLeod, Jr., environmental educator, Eastover

1996 – Beaufort County Clean Water Task Force

1994 – Marion Burnside, chairman, S.C. Department of Natural Resources

1992 – Rudy Mancke, S.C. Educational Television

Nominating Form for SC Environmental Awareness Award